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07 OCT 2005

Mr. James P. Rost, Director
Office of Location and Environment
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Mr. Rost:

RE: Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvements Project, Transportation
Improvements from Missouri River on I-80 to East of the I-480 Interchange, Tier
1, Pottawattamie County, Iowa and Douglas County, Nebraska

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed improvement of Council Bluffs Interstate System Improvements Project, Tier 1, Pottawattamie County, IA and Douglas County, NE. Our review is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 42 U.S.C. 4231, Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act. This FEIS was assigned the CEQ number 20050364.

EPA notes the commitment to conduct soil sampling and analysis for lead within the construction footprint in Iowa. EPA would appreciate being notified of the results of such testing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments regarding this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (913) 551-7148.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Cothorn".

Joseph E. Cothorn
NEPA Team Leader
Environmental Services Division